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Appln. No: 09/739,143  
Applicant: Koichi Hata, et al.  
Filed: December 18, 2000  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE DATA PROCESSING  
AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT USED THEREIN  
TC/A.U.: 2178  
Examiner: Gregory J. Vaughn

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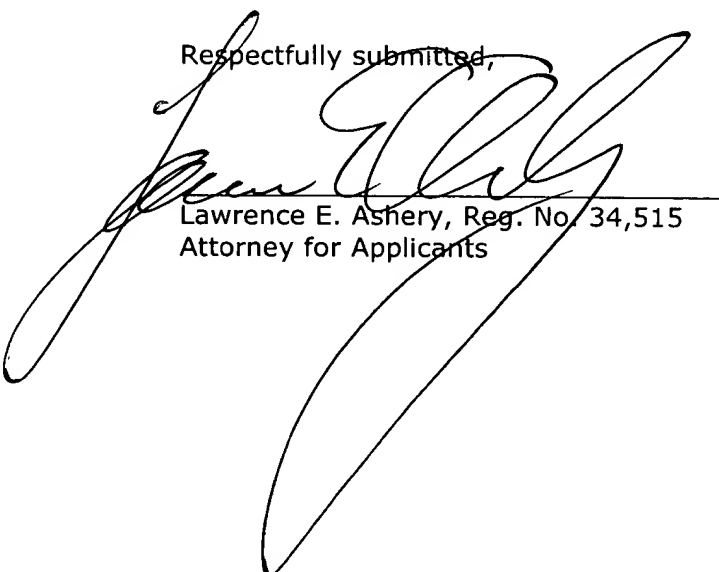
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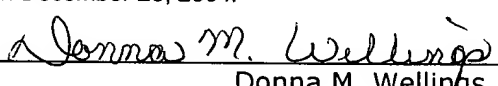
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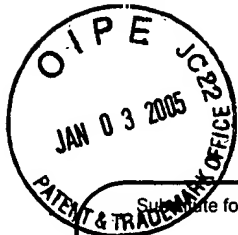
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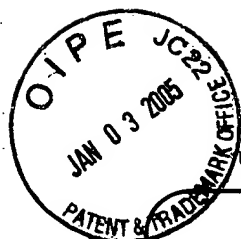
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